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R 160846Z AUG 78 FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2984 INFO USDO PEKING AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI AMEMBASSY BANGKOK AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJECT: NEPAL - PRC CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT

- 1. ACCORDING TO A REPORT APPEARING IN THE LOCAL PRESS
 ON AUGUST 14, A NEPALESE DELEGATION WILL LEAVE FOR
 PEKING TOWARD THE END OF AUGUST TO SIGN A CIVIL AVIATION
 AGREEMENT. THE NEWSPAPER REPORT SAYS THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL
 PROVIDE FOR NEPALESE FLIGHTS FROM KATHMANDU TO PEKING OR
 SHANGHAI OR BOTH AND MIGHT POSSIBLY INCLUDE BEYOND RIGHTS
 TO TOKYO. FLIGHTS VIA CHINESE AIR SPACE TO WESTERN
 COUNTRIES ARE ALSO REPORTED AS A POSSIBILITY.
- 2. THE EMBASSY CHECKED THE NEWSPAPER REPORT WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NEPAL'S DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVAIATION, MR. LAXMAN DAS HADA. HE CONFIRMED THE STORY IN GENERAL. THE PRECISE ROUTINGS REMAIN TO BE DETERMINED. TRANS-HIMALAYAN FLIGHTS TO PEKING (OR SHANGHAI OR BOTH) MIGHT BE VIA CHENGTU OR LHASA AND MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT INVOLVE TOKYO. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HADA SAID THAT THESE POINTS WILL BE SETTLED DURING THE NEPALESE DELEGATION'S VISIT TO PEK CG AND THAT AN AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED AT THAT TIME. HECK

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